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THE C. & D. CANAL

Sen. Saulsbury and Rep. Miller are Now Active

COMMITTEE HAS NOT REPORTED

If new projects are to be included in the Rivers and Harbors bill now being framed by the Committee having charge of this matter in the House it is very likely that the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal project will have an excellent chance of being adopted. The Administration is endeavoring to keep down the number of new projects in order that the Rivers and Harbors bill will not appropriate too large a sum of money and this week certain members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee are to see the President on the question of new projects. Senator Saulsbury and Representative Miller have been active in this matter. Senator Saulsbury has seen the President and again called to his attention the importance of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal so that he will have it in mind when he sees the members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee.

Earlier in the week Representative Thomas W. Miller together with Representatives J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, and William S. Bennett of New York, officers of the Atlantic Deepwater Waterways Association, have appeared before the Rivers and Harbors Committee on this project. Representatives Miller and Bennett were also requested by friends of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal project on the Rivers and Harbors Committee to draft a provision for the Rivers and Harbors bill covering the canal project in such a manner as to be proof against points of order which have been made in the past when the bill came up on the floor. It is rather difficult inasmuch as jurisdiction over canals is supposed to be vested in a small committee known as the Committee on Railways and Canals, which Committee has not met or reported in a number of years but is used as a "grave-yard" for worthy projects such as the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. It will be necessary to draw this up so as not to refer to the word "Canal" in any way because if this were done it could be automatically knocked out on a point of order.

Real Winter Weather

This section has experienced real winter weather during the past week. Several snow storms with the thermometer registering from 10 to 12 degrees above zero was a gentle reminder that real winter weather was with us. During Monday afternoon and evening the heaviest snow storm of the season fell and Tuesday morning mother earth was covered with a beautiful white blanket to the depth of about 8 or 10 inches. On Wednesday afternoon several sleigh bells afforded amusement for the local horsemen, and some real heats were witnessed through Main street. Unfortunately since the snow fell the heavy winds have swept it from the fields to the roads, and in some places traffic has been diverted to the fields.

Mill Lane Honor Roll

The following pupils of Mill Lane School deserve special credit for the past month.

Seventh grade—Edith Cochran, Elizabeth Shallcross. Fifth grade—Esther Shallcross, Edith Jewell, Casper Klotzbecher. Fourth grade—Walter Kronmeyer. Third grade—Lillian Taylor. Second grade—Daisy Allen, Eunice Horney, Helen Kronmeyer, Margaret Shallcross. Those who have been regular in attendance since September 18th, are Margaret Shallcross and Eunice Horney.

Plan To Enlarge Workhouse

Directors of the Workhouse at Greenbank, it is stated, will urge the next Legislature at its next session to sanction the borrowing on short term notes, or bonds of a sufficient sum to erect additions to the present structure. There are now 488 inmates of the prison which with one to each cell can accommodate 250.

OBITUARY

JOSEPH AUSTIN

Joseph, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Austin died at the home of his parents near Summit Bridge Wednesday. Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon and interment was made in old Union cemetery near Townsend.

Christmas Cheer For Soldiers

Delaware soldiers on the border will not lack for Christmas cheer. The Wilmington Red Cross Committee has forwarded 1700 pounds of good things to Deming by express, at the expense of Alfred I. duPont, who sent a check for \$500 to Adjutant General Wickersham to spend for Christmas gifts for the soldiers.

Last day's shopping before Xmas! See our ad. for helpful suggestions. Fogel & Burstan.

BUILD THAT DEPOT TUNNEL

Our Town Board and our citizens generally, wish the railroad company while it is making its other improvements at the depot, would build that much needed tunnel under the tracks to give passengers quicker and easier access to, and exit from, the south-bound track. As it is, arriving travelers have a wait, sometimes a long one, for the train to pull out, and in wet weather a walk more or less in rain or snow before reaching the pavement.

This tunnel would allow late travelers to reach the south-going train in cases where they now often get left. It would also give a better way to reach the new freight depot.

Middletown does not ask this tunnel building as a favor, but as an act of justice. To be quite frank with the company, it has not in times past given our town fair treatment. Far better buildings and greater travel facilities have been given towns returning much less revenue to the Company than does Middletown, which pays more money, for freight and passenger traffic than any other station south of Wilmington.

For this reason we say again, Middletown is herein asking no favor but mere justice. Moreover, self interest would dictate the making of this reasonable convenience to oblige a town economically of so great importance to the railroad company.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF KENT

County Comptroller Harry B. Gieves has prepared his report for the year 1916, for submission to the auditors to be appointed by Resident Associate Judge Boyce, of Dover, for audit. It shows the following interesting condition of finances of Kent county:

December 1, 1915, balance in general fund, \$27,049.65

Total receipts from county officers, tax collectors and constables, including balance December 1, 1915, \$142,231.06. Expenditure from December 1, 1915, to December 1, 1916, \$99,289.54.

December 1, 1916, balance in general fund, \$42,941.52.

Uncollected taxes, \$36,610.57.

Kent county bonded indebtedness, \$185,000.

Good roads account—December 1, 1915, balance, \$12,628.63; received from tax collectors, \$10,000; from State treasurer, \$10,000; from sale of bonds, \$55,000; from abutting property owners, good road tax, \$37.00; miscellaneous receipts, \$244.75; total, \$88,200.92.

Expenditures in good roads account, \$63,222.99; balance, December 1, 1916, \$25,008.83.

Better Cattle Movement

A movement for better cattle, which means better milk and butter, was launched amid great enthusiasm at Dover on Thursday night, when a large number of farmers and dairymen of Kent County held a meeting in the State House for the purpose of organizing a Dairymen's Association. The meeting was addressed by Mr. F. A. Carroll, Dairy Extension Worker of Delaware College, who pointed out the excellent opportunities that exist in Delaware for dairymen if they will take advantage of them. He urged that the farmers and dairymen co-operate for the purpose of improving the standard of cattle raised in that section. He pointed out the necessity of testing the various cows in each herd to ascertain which are paying for their keep and which are not. He explained how the milk should be tested to gauge the butter fat.

Doctors Elect

There were about thirty members of the New Castle County Medical Society present at the annual meeting when officers for the ensuing year were elected Tuesday with Dr. Dorsey Lewis, of Middletown, as president and the following filling the other offices:

Dr. Charles H. Boehm, vice president; Dr. T. H. Davies, secretary and treasurer; Dr. S. C. Rumford, member of the board of censors for the ensuing year; John Ball, of Elsmere, William Wertenbaker, W. H. Speer, Meredith I. Samuel, Harold L. Springer, John Palmer, Jr., George McElfratrick and Joseph P. Wales, all of Wilmington, delegates to the State Medical convention, and Drs. Henry J. Stubbs and J. W. Bastian, alternates.

His 42d Birthday

In honor of his 42d birthday anniversary several friends of Mr. J. Wilson Merritt called at his home on East Main street Saturday evening to celebrate the occasion. The evening was pleasantly spent and refreshments freely partaken of. At a late hour the guests departed for their homes after expressing themselves as having spent a very delightful time.

Christmas Entertainment

The St. Paul's M. E. Sunday School of Odessa is rehearsing a Christmas cantata "Santa Claus on Time," to be given in the Odessa Hall, Christmas night; it is bright, joyous and mirthful, full of sparkle and spirit. Be sure and make your arrangements to be present, secure your reserved ticket from Mr. Geo. W. Davis, Odessa, Del.

FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Mrs. H. B. McDowell was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Miss Blanche Deakne was a Wilmington visitor Saturday.

Miss Katherine Touhey is spending the week-end with her mother at Yorklyn.

Mrs. J. G. Bragdon spent Monday and Tuesday in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Miss Louise McDowell, of Ardmore, Pa., will spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Emily Allee entertained over Sunday Miss Nellie G. Ernest, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. George F. Brady expects to entertain the family at dinner on Christmas day.

Mrs. Willis McGraw, of Elsmere, was a Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Brown.

Mrs. Maurice Burstan and son, of Chester, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Burstan.

Little Miss Dorothy Millman, of Woodside, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Weber.

Mrs. J. R. Hoffecker spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Annie Penington, in Wilmington.

Mrs. E. S. Jones and son, Frank, and Mrs. James Collins were Wilmington visitors Monday.

Mr. Delbert Gallagher, of Pennsylvania, N. J., visited his aunt, Mrs. J. E. Ginn Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Embree and son Pierson will spend Christmas with Mr. Fred Brady and family.

Mr. W. Taylor Barnett, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Collins.

Master John Piser, Jr., of near Warwick, visited his aunt, Mrs. J. Wilson Merritt Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Preston are spending several weeks with relatives in Havre de Grace, Md.

Mrs. W. A. Comegys is spending the week at the home of her son, Joseph P. Comegys, in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Price, of McDonough, will spend the Christmas holidays at her home on South Broad street.

Miss Mary Hutchin entertained her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Hutchin, of Philadelphia, over the week-end.

Mrs. Clark Norman and little son, of Boston, Mass., are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Foraker.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Price will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rowbotham, of Glenolden, Pa.

Mrs. J. B. Messick and Mrs. P. B. Messick were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Messick, at Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Millman and daughter, of Woodside, is spending the week-end with Mrs. Rosa Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brockson and Mrs. Mary Choate expect to spend Christmas at Haddon Heights, N. J.

The Transcript is sorry to learn that Mr. George W. Ingram is confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Bragdon and little daughter Anne, of Wilmington, will spend Christmas with their parents here.

Mrs. Levin S. Dail has returned to her home in Cambridge, Md., after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Buchworth and daughter Louise will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Duryea.

Miss Jessie C. Shepherd, of Lassell Seminary, Alburndale, Mass., is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd.

Dr. and Mrs. Warren S. P. Combs and little sons will spend Christmas with Mrs. Combs' mother, Mrs. Mary Reed, at Ellendale.

John J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia, and John J. Hoffecker, Jr., of Chester, Pa., are spending several days with their relatives here.

Mr. Kendall McDowell, of International Falls, Minn., is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDowell, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foard will entertain on Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. William Sterling Evans and Miss Mary Byrne, of Elton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Pool, their sons and little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Peverly will entertain on Monday Mr. G. C. Peverly and family, of Mechanicsville, Md., Mr. Sidney Peverly, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall, Jr., and family, of Georgetown, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. McCrone will entertain on Christmas day Mrs. James R. Hoffecker and Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, of Middletown; J. J. Hoffecker, of Philadelphia; John J. Hoffecker, Jr., of Chester; Miss Lidie McCrone, of Oxford Pa., and Mrs. Hyland P. Bullen, of Christiana, and James H. McCrone, of Wilmington.

NEW CENTURY MEETING

Because of the approaching holiday season and the very cold weather, the attendance at the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon was small. The meeting for next Tuesday afternoon, December 26th, will be omitted, as in previous years. On January 2d, the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Cault Shepherd on South Broad street, when Miss Frances Watkins, of Odessa, will give a Piano Recital. All the club members are invited to be present and any one who is not a member will pay twenty-five cents admission. The meeting will begin at half past two o'clock. Miss Watkins' ability is well-known and the recital will be much enjoyed.

The annual children's party will be given on Friday afternoon, December 29th, at the Club House. Each club mother may take her children and members having no children are expected to borrow one for that day.

Dr. Charles A. Wagner, Commissioner of Education, gave a very interesting talk on the school problem, taxation for school and its methods, and other interesting facts.

Three new names have been added to the list of club members: Mrs. Joseph Rhoades, Mrs. Harman Reynolds, Mrs. Julian Cochran.

GRANGE NOTES

Considerable interest was manifested in the Friday night meeting of Peach Blossom Grange, it being the time for the annual election of officers, the hearing of reports from the Pomona and Delaware State Grange meeting and the learning of the success attending the Farmers Protective Association which was formed to break up the thieving depredations which has been a service of annoyance and loss to several members of the Grange. Dr. H. B. McDowell presided at the meeting and E. H. Shallcross was secretary pro tem.

The officers elected for 1917 were: Worthy Master, Dr. H. B. McDowell; Worthy Overseer, Fred P. Williams; Worthy Lecturer, E. H. Shallcross; Worthy Steward, Geo. H. Kohl; Worthy Assistant, Geo. Janvier; Worthy Chaplain, Mrs. R. Anna Deakne; Worthy Treasurer, Fred Brady; Worthy Secretary, J. Fletcher Deakne; Worthy Gate Keeper, Jeremiah McDonagh; Worthy Ceres, Mrs. Oka C. Warren; Worthy Pomona, Mrs. Fannie S. Kohl; Worthy Flora, Mrs. May K. McDowell; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Daisy J. Williams.

Trustee for 3 years, Jas. L. Warren. The next meeting Friday night, January 5, 1917.

SANTA'S PREPAREDNESS

A Christmas Cantata was given in the Assembly Room of the School, Thursday night December 21st, 1916 at 7.45 by the pupils of Miss Elsie Jones and Miss Prudence Lewis. Amusement 15c. The proceeds to be used to buy pictures and books for the primary grades.

Caste of Characters
Santa Claus.....Ralph Hynson
Janice (who is entertaining) Virginia Hopkins.

Margaret (her sister).....Evelyn Brown
Dorothy.....Helen Crouch
Bertha (her friend).....Betty Johnson
Evelyn.....Mary Hynson
Jack.....Henry Howell
Bob.....Francis Maloney
Frank.....Walter Taylor
Rin Jin (King of Merry Elves).....Horace Moore.

Chorus of Elves—Oakley Banning, Jack Voshell, Kenneth Pennwell, Jeffrey Newsome, George Lindale, Arthur Williams, Paul Crouch, Charles Hopkins, William Hamburg, Leland Sinex.

Tinkle Bell (Queen of Faries) Kathryn Conley.

Chorus of Fairies—Charlotte Donahay, Dorothy Jones, Mabel Fouracre, Virginia Johnson, Helen Fouracre, Mary Emory, Catherine Hopkins, Elizabeth Hufnal.

Little Tots—Emma Beale, Cassie Denny, Lura Reed, Freda Fromkin, Gertrude Bouchelle, Helen Bryan, Margaret Fitzgerald.

Deputy Sheriffs Appointed

Theodore W. Francis, sheriff-elect of New Castle county, on Tuesday announced the appointment of his deputies who will assume office on January 2d next. The appointees are:

Inside deputy—Joseph H. Gould, a liveryman, residing at 905 West Eleventh street, Wilmington.

Outside deputy for Wilmington—Leslie H. Porter, a textile worker in the employ of the Joseph Bancroft & Sons Co., residing at 1917 West Tenth street, Wilmington.

Outside deputy for the lower part of New Castle county—Joshua Z. Crossland, a liveryman, residing at Middle-town.

Mr. Gould is a former deputy, having served as such when his father, Pierce Gould, was sheriff. He will succeed Harry I. Gillis.

Mr. Porter will succeed Joseph Moore. Mr. Crossland is re-appointed. For four years he has been outside deputy for Sheriff Harry J. Stidham, and at the Republican primaries he was Mr. Francis' principal opponent for the sheriff's nomination.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

Enter Mr. Winter.

Days shorter and shorter.

Only one week before Christmas.

Wilson M. Bryan fell on the pavement Friday and broke one of his shoulders.

The fact that leap year is about over will not prevent the girls from accomplishing the same results by less obvious means.

An automobile owned by James H. Johns, of Warwick, Md., caught fire near Middletown on Thursday and was destroyed.

Monday will be Christmas Day. All banks, offices and stores will be closed and everybody will take a day off except Old Kriss.

Two dozen Minorca chickens stolen from Fred Williams' farm, near town, were found in the cellar of a Wilmington dealer and returned to the owner.

Tuesday, December 5, was the warmest December day for 45 years, which is the limit of the weather bureau. The thermometer registered 60 degrees at 12 o'clock.

The cold snap put a crimp in the muskrat industry. When the water freezes and the snow banks the trappers do not even go out, being prevented from getting to their traps.

Fill your mind so full of good will and cheerfulness that no worry will have a chance to enter in. If some special care wants to seize you, set to work very hard doing some kindness for another.

At the children's party given by the Century Club at the Club House Friday, Dec. 29th, at 2.30 o'clock each club member may ask one child as her guest, and must notify the club hostess, Miss Helen F. Brady by Wednesday, Dec. 27th, so that plans may be made for all the guests.

The demand for home-grown Christmas trees in this locality will far exceed the supply this season as available cedars of a size suitable for Christmas trees are very scarce. This section has been scouring for years, with the result that now very few of desirable trees are obtainable.

The Rev. F. H. Moore will be glad to receive contributions to-morrow, Sunday, for the relief of the starving children, destitute widows and the needy in the war zone of Europe; and such contributions will be forwarded to the Red Cross Society, through Henry W. Canby, of Wilmington.

Over 225,000 Red Cross Seals are to be sent out this Christmas season by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in an effort to raise a million dollars to fight tuberculosis. The seals are sold in every city in the country to be used on Christmas packages and mail.

Find you need to make more Xmas gifts? Visit Fogel & Burstan's and get just what you're needing.

Forest Church Notes

Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1916, Christmas Sunday.

10.30 A. M. Public worship with sermon. "The Desire of All Nations." Special Christmas music by the choir.

11.45 A. M. Sunday School session. Lesson: "Unto Us a Son is Given." The male class meets in the library room. Men are cordially invited to attend this class.

2.30 P. M. Armstrong Chapel Sunday School.

6.45 P. M. Christian Endeavor service. Topic: "Helping to Accomplish the Purpose of Christ's Coming." John 10:1-6.

7.30 P. M. Evening service, Christmas sermon and Christmas music. Let there be present at all the services large, joyous and thankful congregations. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

Wednesday evening, Prayer meeting. The Forest Sunday School Christmas festival will be held on Friday evening, December 29th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Armstrong Chapel Sunday School Christmas festival will be held on Friday afternoon, December 29th, at 2.30 o'clock.

Bethesda Church Notes

Sunday, December 24th. 9.30 A. M. Brotherhood Devotional meeting. M. D. Wilson, leader.

10.30 A. M. Preaching by the Pastor. 2 P. M. Sunday School session.

7.30 P. M. Song service and preaching by the Pastor.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Class meeting on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Jr. League every Wednesday afternoon at 4.10 o'clock. Bear this in mind, and send the children.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

December 24th. The Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Divine service: — 10.30, Morning Prayer & Sermon.

11.45 Sunday School session. 7.30 Evening Prayer & Address.

This Sunday though still in the Advent season is also the Eve of Christmas Day, and therefore it is perfectly proper to observe the Festival of the Nativity.

As announced in these Notes last week, the services on December 24th, will be commemorative of the Nativity.

The service on Monday, Christmas Day, will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at nine o'clock.

The offering on Christmas Day will be for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund. Last year the parish contributed twenty dollars and twenty-seven cents.

Christmas is one of the three great festivals on which all the faithful are expected to make their communions. We therefore hope every communicant will endeavor to be present at the service at nine o'clock, on Christmas Day.

A quantity of greens will have to be provided for Christmas decorations in the Church. We request that they be sent to the Church on Thursday or Friday afternoon at the latest, so the Chancel Committee will have ample time for decorating.

We would here mention that the furnace pipes have been thoroughly overhauled this week and there will be no further trouble with the gas fumes. This trouble being remedied there will be no more discomfort from lack of heat.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Christmas Festival for the members of the Sunday School and the Auxiliary, will be held in the Parish House, on Thursday after Christmas, Dec. 28th, at two o'clock in the afternoon. At this service the Christmas carols will be sung, and there will be recitations by the younger pupils, and of course, there will be the usual decorated "Christmas Tree"; and every child will receive a remembrance.

The early hour has been selected for the service in the hope that the youngest member of the Sunday School need not be deterred from attending. And we want their parents, and friends, as we want the children.

We have secured a most efficient teacher for the Sunday School in Miss Clara Willits, who takes the class formerly taught by Miss Eliza C. Green. But we still need another teacher. Who will volunteer to help?

We regret that Miss Ann D. Gibbs, who has been a most capable secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary for the past eleven years has been obliged to tender her resignation. We wish to record our appreciation of her long service and labor of love for the Auxiliary. The parish is to be congratulated on the admirable appointment of Miss A. P. Spruance as her successor.

The Woman's Auxiliary is preparing a missionary box to be sent to a clergyman residing in Punta Gorda, Diocese of Southern Florida.

The Sunday School has been presented with a new organ stool, and we take this opportunity of thanking the donor. The old one was far from being a pneumatic stool.

St. Luke 11:8, "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Shepherds in the eastern countries take care of their flocks of sheep. They watch over them all the time, oftentimes by night as well as by day. Sometimes they have little houses or sheds on wheels which are moved from one field to another as the sheep seek their food.

These make shelter for the shepherds when the nights are cold and when it is stormy. It is told of them that they take very little sleep into these houses to keep them warm. Long years ago, nearly two thousand, there were some shepherds watching their sheep among the hills of Palestine. Night came on, and very likely after their long day's work they were tired and sleepy. Perhaps some were already asleep, when a strange thing happened—a great light came into the sky. Where just before had been darkness, with millions of diamond stars shining through, light had come. What could it mean? While they rubbed their eyes and wondered, the light grew stronger and stronger—so strong and bright did it become that they could not look at it, and they were very much frightened—out of the great white light came an angel of the Lord. That explained the light—it was the "glory of the Lord (which) shone round about them." And the angel said, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And the music never before nor since has there been heard such music—for there was a multitude from heaven with the angel, and all praised God, and said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Then was there an ecstasy of delight when the wise men, following the guiding star, were brought into the presence of the Babe of Bethlehem, bowed the knee before Him, and poured their gifts at His feet. And each Christian century has given a richer meaning to the message of the angels and the star. On Christmas as the same message encircles the globe, may I mingle with my "Merry Christmas" the wish that there may come to each one who may read this, such a full realization of all that Christmas means, as shall bring the spirit of gladness into your worship and the spirit of joy into every good work you undertake to do in the Master's service.

Affectionately, (Rev.) P. L. Donaghy.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

Those Who Were Studious for the Month of November

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Eleventh Grade—Shelly Meyers, Allen Johnson, Naomi Morgan, Samuel Berkman.

Tenth Grade—Millie Rosenberg, Leone Ladley, Frances Cochran, Grace Brady, Florence Kohl, Marian Pinder.

Ninth Grade—June McWhorter, Elva Freeman, Claude Fouracre, Edna Hufnal.

Eighth Grade—Fannie Rosenberg, Ramona Newman, Clara Brady, Howard Dickson, Laura Fogel, Elizabeth Minner, Marion Armstrong, Josephine Kohl.

Seventh Grade—Frances Armstrong, Anna Bingnear, Marshall Whitlock, Maxey Bland, Clayton Draper, James Conley.

Sixth Grade—Grace Rosenberg, Walter Beaton, Burton Williams, Percy Donaghy, Caroline Fouracre, Mary Atwell, John Pool, Anna English.

Fifth Grade—Elizabeth Brady, Elizabeth Clayton, Jereline McDonagh, Dorothy Cault, Stacy Jones, Edwin Donaghy, Preston Whitlock, Margaret Brady, Norma Pyle.

Fourth Grade—Elizabeth Hufnal, Helen Fouracre, John Voshell, Oakley Banning, Harry Deputy, Catherine Hopkins, Henry Howell, Horace Moore, Walter Taylor, Evelyn Brown, Elizabeth Johnson, Mary Alfrey, Mary Hynson, Herman Conner, Charlotte Donaghy, Charles Hopkins, Bertha Chance, Elizabeth Reynolds.

Third Grade—Helen Crouch, Katherine Conley, Virginia Johnson,

"K"

He was a famous man who had lost himself through fear, but found courage in an inspiring woman's love

Mary Roberts Rinehart tells the story

DO YOU

believe that a girl of eighteen should be thrust into a position where she immediately has all of her illusions about life smashed like a glass bowl—a place where she sees justice defeated and evil thrive, where the good suffer and the weak are exploited, where little children pay heavily for the sins of their grandparents? Just read this installment of "K." Picking up the threads of the story, you will recall that a strange and charming young man, K. LeMoine, becomes a roomer at the Page home, where Sidney, her mother Anna, and her old maid Aunt Harriet, reside. Through the influence of dashing Dr. Max Wilson, Sidney goes to the hospital as a probationary nurse. Minor characters in the story are Dr. Ed Wilson, family friend; Christine Lorenz, her chum who is to marry Palmer Howe; Joe Drummond, her high school sweetheart; Katie, the cook, and Charlotte Harrison, a nurse in love with Doctor Max, who in turn is playing up to Sidney.

CHAPTER VII—Continued.

All the small loose ends of her life were gathered up—except Joe. She would have liked to get that clear, too. She wanted him to know how she felt about it all—that she liked him as much as ever, that she did not want to hurt him. But she wanted to make it clear, too, that she knew now that she would never marry him. She thought she would never marry; but, if she did, it would be a man doing a man's work in the world. Her eyes turned wistfully to the house across the Street.

K's lamp still burned overhead, but his restless tramping about had ceased. He must be reading—he read a great deal. She really ought to go to bed. A neighborhood cat came stealthily across the Street, and stared up at the little balcony with green-glowing eyes. "Come on, Bill Taft," she said, "Come on."

Joe Drummond, passing the house for the fourth time that evening, heard her voice, and hesitated uncertainly on the pavement.

"Joe! Come here."

"It's late, I'd better get home."

The misery in his voice hurt her.

"I'll not keep you long. I want to talk to you."

He came slowly toward her.

"Well?" he said hoarsely.

"Why haven't you been to see me? If I have done anything—"

Her voice was a tangle with virtue and outraged friendship.

"You haven't done anything but—show me where I got off."

He sat down on the edge of the balcony and stared out blankly.

"If that's the way you feel about it—"

"I'm not blaming you. I was a fool to think you'd ever care about me. I don't know that I feel so bad—about the thing. I've been around seeing some other girls, and I notice they're glad to see me, and treat me right, too."

There was boyish bravado in his voice. "But what makes me sick is to have everyone saying you've jilted me."

"Good gracious! Why, Joe, I never promised."

"Well, we look at it in different ways; that's all. I took it for a promise."

Then suddenly all his carefully conserved indifference fled. He bent forward quickly, and, catching her hand, held it against his lips.

"I'm crazy about you, Sidney. That's the truth. I wish I could die!"

The cat, finding no active antagonism, sprang up on the balcony and rubbed against the boy's quivering shoulders; a breath of air stroked the morning-glory vine like the touch of a friendly hand. Sidney, facing for the first time the enigma of love and despair, sat, rather frightened, in her chair.

"You don't mean that!"

"I mean it, all right. If it wasn't for the folks, I'd jump in the river. I

"You'll need it, you see," he explained nervously.

"A watch," said Sidney, eyes on it.

"A dear little watch, to pin on and not put in a pocket. Why, you're the best person!"

"I was afraid you might think it presumptuous," he said. "I haven't any right, of course. And then, your mother said you wouldn't be offended—"

"Don't apologize for making me so happy!" she cried. "It's wonderful, really. And the little hand is for pulses! How many queer things you know!"

After that she must pin it on, and slip in to stand before his mirror and inspect the result. It gave Le Moine a queer thrill to see her there in the room, among his books and his pipes. It made him a little sick, too, in view of tomorrow and the thousand-odd to-morrows when she would not be there.

"I've kept you up shamefully," she said at last, "and you get up so early. I shall write you a note from the hospital, delivering a little lecture on extravagance—because how can I now, with this joy shining on me? And about how to keep Katie in order about your socks, and all sorts of things. And—now, good night."

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CHAPTER VIII.

She Opened It With Excited Fingers.

lief when I said I'd been to see other girls. What do you want with other girls? I want you!"

"This is wild, silly talk. You'll be sorry tomorrow."

"It's the truth," doggedly.

But he made a clutch at his self-respect. He was acting like a crazy boy, and he was a man, all of twenty-two!

"When are you going to the hospital?"

"Tomorrow."

"Is that Wilson's hospital?"

"Yes."

Alas for his resolve! The red haze of jealousy came again. "You'll be seeing him every day, I suppose."

"I dare say. I shall also be seeing twenty or thirty other doctors, and a hundred or so men patients, not to

mention visitors. Joe, you're not rational."

"No," he said heavily, "I'm not. If it's got to be someone, Sidney, I'd rather have it the roomer upstairs than Wilson. There's a lot of talk about Wilson."

"It isn't necessary to malign my friends."

He rose.

"Wilson had better look out. I'll be watching. If I see him playing any of his tricks around you—well, he'd better look out!"

"That, as it turned out, was Joe's farewell. He had reached the breaking-point. He gave her a long look, blinked, and walked rapidly out to the Street. Some of the dignity of his retreat was lost by the fact that the cat followed him, close at his heels.

Sidney was hurt, greatly troubled. She even shed a tear or two, very surreptitiously; and then, being human and much upset, and the cat startling her by its sudden return, she shooed it off the veranda and set an imaginary dog after it. Whereupon, feeling somewhat better, she went in and locked the balcony window and proceeded upstairs.

Le Moine's light was still going. The rest of the household slept. She paused outside the door.

"Are you sleepy?"—very softly.

There was a movement inside, the sound of a book put down. Then: "No, indeed."

"I may not see you in the morning. I leave tomorrow."

"Just a minute."

From the sounds, she judged that he was putting on his shabby gray coat. The next moment he had opened the door and stepped out into the corridor.

"I believe you had forgotten!"

"I? Certainly not. I started downstairs a while ago, but you had a visitor."

"Only Joe Drummond."

He gazed down at her quizzically. "And—is Joe more reasonable?"

He will be. He knows that I—that I shall not marry him."

"Poor chap! He'll buck up, of course. But it's a little hard just now. When do you leave?"

"Just after breakfast."

"I am going very early. Perhaps—"

He hesitated. Then, hurriedly:

"I got a little present for you—nothing much, but your mother was quite willing. In fact, we bought it together."

He went back into his room, and returned with a small box. She opened it with excited fingers. Ticking away on its satin bed was a small gold watch.

"You'll need it, you see," he explained nervously.

"A watch," said Sidney, eyes on it.

"A dear little watch, to pin on and not put in a pocket. Why, you're the best person!"

"I was afraid you might think it presumptuous," he said. "I haven't any right, of course. And then, your mother said you wouldn't be offended—"

"Don't apologize for making me so happy!" she cried. "It's wonderful, really. And the little hand is for pulses! How many queer things you know!"

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Sidney never forgot her early impressions of the hospital, although they were chaotic enough at first. There were unformed young women coming and going, efficient, cool-eyed, low of voice. There were long vistas of shining floors and lines of beds. There were brisk internes with duck clothes and brass buttons, who eyed her with friendly, patronizing glances. There were bandages and dressings, and great white screens, behind which were played little or big dramas, baths or deaths, as the case might be. And over all brooded the mysterious authority of the superintendent of the training school, dubbed the Head, for short.

Twelve hours a day, from seven to seven, with the off-duty intermission, Sidney labored at tasks which revolted her soul. She swept and dusted the wards, cleaned closets, folded sheets and towels, rolled bandages—did everything but nurse the sick, which was what she had come to do.

At night she did not go home. She sat on the edge of her narrow, white bed and soaked her aching feet in hot water and witch-hazel, and practiced taking pulses on her own slender wrist, with K's little watch.

Out of all the long, hot days, two periods stood out clearly, to be waited for and cherished. One was when, early in the afternoon, with the ward in spotless order, the shades drawn against the August sun, the tables covered with their red covers and the only sound the drone of the bandage-machine as Sidney steadily turned it. Doctor Max passed the door on his way to the surgical ward beyond, and gave her a cheery greeting. At these times Sidney's heart beat almost in time with the ticking of the little watch.

The other hour was at twilight, when, work over for the day, the night nurse, with her rubber-soled shoes and tired eyes and jangling keys, having reported and received the night orders, the nurses gathered in their small parlor for prayers. It was months before Sidney got over the exaltation of that twilight hour, and never did it cease to bring her healing and peace. In a way, it crystallized for her what the day's work meant: charity and its sister, service, the promise of rest and peace. Into the little parlor filed the nurses, and knelt, folding their tired hands.

"The Lord is my shepherd," read the Head out of her worn Bible; "I shall not want."

And the nurses: "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters."

And so on through the psalm to the assurance at the end, "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Now and then there was a death behind one of the white screens. It caused little change in the routine of the ward. A nurse stayed behind the screen, and her work was done by the others. When everything was over, the time was recorded exactly on the record, and the body was taken away.

At first it seemed to Sidney that she could not stand this nearness to death. She thought the nurses hard because they took it quietly. Then she found that it was only stoicism, resignation, that they had learned. These things must be, and the work must go on. Their philosophy made them no less tender. Some such patient detachment must be that of the angels who keep the Great Record.

On her first Sunday half-holiday, she was free in the morning, and went to church with her mother, going back to the hospital after the service. So it was two weeks before she saw Le Moine again. Even then, it was only for a short time. Christine and Palmer Howe came in to see her, and to inspect the balcony, now finished.

But Sidney and Le Moine had a few words together first.

There was a change in Sidney. Le Moine was quick to see it. She was a trifle subdued, with a puzzled look in her blue eyes. Her mouth was tender, as always, but he thought it drooped. There was a new atmosphere of wistfulness about the girl that made his heart ache.

They were alone in the little parlor with its brown lamp and blue silk shade. K. never smoked in the parlor, but by sheer force of habit he held the pipe in his teeth.

"And how have things been going?" asked Sidney practically.

"Your steward has little to report. Aunt Harriet, who left you her love, has had the complete order for the Lorenz trousseau. I thought I'd ask you about the veil. We're rather in a quandary. Do you like this new fashion of draping the veil from behind the coiffure in the back?"

Sidney had been sitting on the edge of her chair, staring.

"There," she said—"I knew it! This house is fatal! They're making an old woman of you already." Her tone was tragic.

He sucked calmly at his dead pipe. "Katie has a new prescription—recipe—for bread. It has more bread and fewer alcohols. One cake of yeast—"

Sidney sprang to her feet.

"It's perfectly terrible!" she cried. "Because you rent a room in this house is no reason why you should give up your personality and your—your intelligence. Mother says you water the flowers every morning, and lock up the house before you go to bed. I—I never meant you to adopt the family!"

K. removed his pipe and gazed earnestly into the bowl.

"Bill Taft has had kittens under the porch," he said. "And the groceryman has been sending short weight. We've bought scales now, and weigh everything."

"You are evading the question."

"Dear child, I am doing these things because I like to do them. For—some time I've been floating, and now I've got a home."

Sidney gazed helplessly at his imperturbable face. He seemed older than she had recalled him. The hair over his ears was almost white. And yet he was just thirty. That was Palmer Howe's age, and Palmer seemed like a boy. But he held him-

self more erect than he had in the first days of his occupancy of the second floor front.

"And now," he said cheerfully, "what about yourself? You've lost a lot of illusions, of course, but perhaps you've gained ideals. That's a step."

"Life," observed Sidney, with the wisdom of two weeks out in the world, "life is a terrible thing, K. We think we've got it, and—it's got us."

"Undoubtedly."

"When I think of how simple I used to think it all was! One grew up and got married, and—perhaps had children. And when one got very old, one died. Lately I've been seeing that life really consists of exceptions—children who don't grow up, and grown-ups who die before they are old. And—"

And—this took an effort, but she looked at him squarely, "and people who have children, but are not married." It all rather hurt.

"All knowledge that is worth while hurts in the getting."

Sidney got up and wandered around the room, touching its little familiar objects with tender hands. K. watched her. There was this curious element in his love for her, that when he was

with her it took on the guise of friendship and deceived even himself. It was only in lonely hours that it took on truth, became a hopeless yearning for the touch of her hand or a glance from her clear eyes.

"There is something else," she said absently. "I cannot talk it over with mother. There is a girl in the ward—"

"A patient?"

"Yes. She is quite pretty. She has had typhoid, but she is a little better. She's—not a good person."

"I see."

"At first I couldn't bear to go near her. I shivered when I had to straighten her bed. I—I'm being very frank, but I've got to talk this out with someone. I worried a lot about it, because, although at first I hated her, now I don't. I rather like her."

She looked at K. defiantly, but there was no disapproval in his eyes.

How would you like to have your daughter in Sidney's place? What do you think will be the effect on Sidney of the attentions of Doctor Max, LeMoine and Joe Drummond—will it turn her head?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

ASSERTS MULES LOVE MUSIC

A California Farmer Has His Phonograph Play When He Is Training Them.

The Colorado farmer who gets more milk from his cows by giving them a dash of grand opera and a bit of ragtime on his phonograph is not a pioneer in this novel field of farm efficiency.

George A. Gage of Sutter county, California, claims to be the first "musical farmer."

Gage raises mules and horses. He has a big music box on his farm and he plays band pieces, preferably soothing melodies and waltzes, when he is breaking his mule colts.

"Mules love music," said Gage. "I discovered that ten years ago when I drove Benjamin Harrison—the ornate old mule you ever saw—to Yuba City when a brass band was playing."

"The mule had one of his balky, contrary spells that day, and I could hardly do a thing with Benjamin until we got to Yuba City. You'd never believe it if I told you the change just a few hand selections made in that animal. From that day until Benjamin's death he was the gentlest, loveliest old mule you ever would want to see."

"That gave me an idea. When I break my mule colts now I always have the phonograph play. It seems to attract the mule's attention from the harness and wagon."

"Horses don't seem to be affected much. But mules are nearer human than horses anyway."

Gage also avers his chickens like phonograph music, but would not go on record as saying ragtime made the hens lay any more eggs.

Durability of Sycamore.

One of the most durable woods is sycamore. A statue made from it, now in the museum of Gizeh, at Cairo, is believed to be nearly six thousand years old. It is entirely sound and natural in appearance.

They Escape.

"How true it is."

"What?"

"That the rain falls alike on the just and the unjust."

"How about those who work in the subway?" inquired the New Yorker.

FOR WINTER WEAR

MODISH HATS DISTINCTLY ORIGINAL IN STYLE.

One of the "Picture" Variety Emphatically Suitable for a Young Girl—"Tailored" Type for Wear With the Street Suit.

The sketch illustrates two modish hats of widely different types. The upper belongs in the "picture" hat class, and it is for a young girl. The hat proper is of black velvet. The rather drooping brim is underlaid with ciel blue faille silk, and ribbon the same shade bands the soft crown. Continuing at one side it forms a bow loosely, or it may be caught up underneath the chin and secured to the hat at the opposite side. A pink rose with foliage decks the upper brim on either side of the hat.

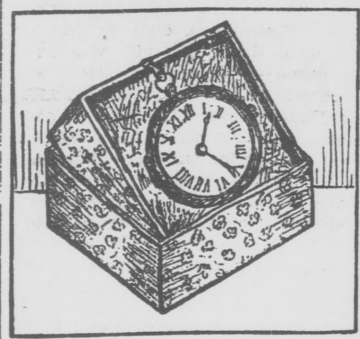
The lower hat has upper crown and visored brim of black velvet, with full outer crown of taupe-colored felt runs with ribbon in the same shade and ornamented in front with a metal buckle or slide.

This hat is of the "tailored" type and is suitable for wear with a street suit or coat.

The vogue for fams and other soft-crowned hats continues very strong. The Henry VIII style with its plume coming out from beneath the soft crown is a popular model. The fancy for fur in the construction and decor-

after this piece is fixed neatly round the sides of lid.

Next line the lid, commencing with the sides; cover the lower part of box, but only line the sides, and inside put a soft silk-covered cushion of wadding



Watch Stand.

for the watch to rest on; it should fit the box, being tucked down tightly at the sides.

When the watch is not in use, the lid would be put on in the usual way, but when the watch is wanted to be visible, place the lid on the table and the box tilted up inside it as shown in the sketch.

SHOW ORIGINALITY IN STYLE

Season's Pattern Effects Certainly Novel, Whatever Else May Be Thought of Them.

Upon going the round of the shops there is one thing noticeable about the winter models in clothes and their accessories, and that is the new effects in patterns. Sometimes they are startling, sometimes merely different, but always they are novel. When, for example, one sees an evening gown, designed probably for the most elaborate affair of the fall season, blossoming forth in all kinds of fantastic Chinese embroidery, one wonders if the impressionists are, after all, the most extreme of modern schools of art. And when one sees tiny quadrupeds and miniature trees on the new velvets the effect is arresting, to say the least. Some of the latter, instead of going so far as the above-mentioned animals, content themselves with a bee or a spider, which crawls nonchalantly across the wearer's face, and others affect extreme simplicity until their endurance gives out, whereupon the border of the veil becomes a revelry of figures, patterns and designs. And so, from all appearances, whatever the coming season may hold in the way of beauty, in the matter of originality it certainly is not backward.

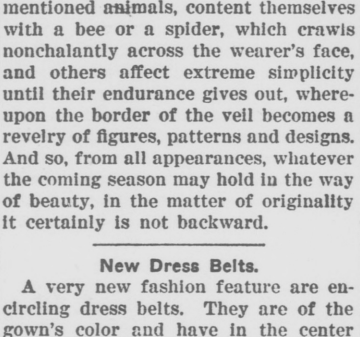
New Dress Belts.

A very new fashion feature are encircling dress belts. They are of the gown's color and have in the center front an applied oblong ornament of a bright contrasting color. This space is often covered by an odd scroll design in beads, floss or metal threads, and adorned with buttons and passementerie touches.

Slippers at a Fashion Show.

Very fascinating were the slippers made of moire silk in light blue and pale pink and pastel green with narrow bindings of self-colored grosgrain ribbon.

CANARY-COLORED CAPE COAT



An up-to-the-minute cape coat of yellow broadcloth trimmed with collar and cuffs of fur. It is not necessary, fashion experts say, to carry a cane in order to wear this coat, but it adds to the attractiveness. The drawn up effect on the sides is the latest wrinkle in coat designs.

over silk knickerbockers, has the difficult decolletage of the renaissance, the silken cord around the hips, and over it is lavished heavy gold embroidery. This is the type of frock that the ultra smart dressmakers offer for indoor affairs.

When one says that chiffon has been relegated to a second place the hearts of women usually sink, for this fabric is the first and last choice of the great majority. The evident disadvantages or even the best weave of velvet give one cause for pause, and chiffon, along with georgette crepe, presents the easiest way out of all difficulties. But chiffon, remember, has its followers among the most fastidious, yet, in the main, it is used as a foundation for elaborate ornamentation.

Monkey Fur Used in Paris.

Monkey fur, which is the new trimming adopted by Paris, is found on a black satin dress. The dress is buttoned down the back and has gold embroidery around the armhole. A wide band of black monkey fur is at the bottom of the skirt.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 24

UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

LESSON TEXT—Isaiah 9:1-7.
GOLDEN TEXT—"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.—Isa. 9:6.

The Christmas lesson, naturally and logically follows the three lessons we have just had from the book of the Revelation where Jesus in his glory had been portrayed, and the ultimate success of his work is foreseen in the new heaven and the new earth. Isaiah saw the vision of his first coming, John saw the vision of his second coming, when what he began the first time shall ultimately be accomplished. The prophecy here spoken was uttered during the reign of Ahaz, B. C. 738 to 723. The king of Assyria was attacking Syria. The tribes of northern Israel were carried away as captives. Judah was in danger of invasion. (See II Kings 15:29.) Isaiah was preaching in his home city, Jerusalem. His vision of the Messiah Savior was not more than 800 years before John saw the vision of the glorified Jesus.

I. Darkness Versus Light (vv. 1-5).

We need to go back into the eighth chapter to get the full historical situation of this part of the lesson. Ahaz, trembling in Jerusalem, had with him the Prophet Isaiah, the wisest and greatest man in his kingdom, yet Ahaz listened not to his words of warning and rebuke. He doggedly pursued his own course and sought help in every

STATE AND PENINSULA

Richardson Park women are preparing to form a civic society for general community work.

An automobile owned by Joseph J. Edwards was stolen from in front of the Hotel duPont, Wilmington.

Rivermen have been reaping profits from the large eel catch this fall, selling the eels at \$280 a ton.

After having been closed for some time for repairs the big crate and basket factory at Bridgeville, Del., has reopened.

In November, meat inspector Ford, of Wilmington, condemned 823 pounds of meat, 30 pounds of fish and 8 lbs. of chicken.

Wilmington Elks are preparing 225 baskets of good things to be distributed among the poor of the city on Christmas morning.

President of the 12 volunteer fire companies in Wilmington failed in conference to take action toward a paid department.

The merchants of Elkton have decided to close their stores at 6 o'clock every evening except Saturday, beginning with January 1.

George A. Hill, Bridgeville, has been appointed Sussex county School Commissioner, to succeed Charles L. Moore, Georgetown, whose term expired.

Joseph Walton trapped in the store of his employers in Wilmington, was held in \$500 bail for the Grand Jury on a breaking and entering charge.

Miss Mary E. Clark, principal of George Biddle High School, Cecilton, has graduated from the Columbia University, New York, with the degree of A. M.

John T. Layfield, Wilmington, has been elected for the twenty-third consecutive year secretary and treasurer of Wilmington Division, Order of Railway Conductors.

P. J. Wilson is at the Delaware Hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain, the result of falling from the icy tender of his engine at Dover and striking his head on the rail.

Prof. Ernest Cruikshank, of Raleigh, North Carolina, a native of Cecil county, has presented subscriptions to several standard magazines to the George Biddle High School, Cecilton.

The Elkton Banking and Trust Co. distributed over \$18,000, Wednesday among its depositors in the Christmas Saving Fund. Nearly 950 depositors participated in the distribution.

The Milk Producers' Association and the Retail Milk Dealers' Association are deadlocked over the price of milk, which is selling in Wilmington at five cents a quart wholesale and 10 cents retail.

In order to protect their powder works at Carney's Point, the duPont Company has purchased Fenton's Beach, a small summer resort near the Salem Canal, the purchase price being reported as \$100,000.

The Elkton-Chestertown Bus Co. has placed in service two large buses, each carrying 16 passengers, to meet the demands of travel between the two towns, and another will be put in service next week.

During the term of Sheriff Jacob West, of Georgetown, more than two and a half times the number of executions have been served than by any sheriff for the past twenty years, thus establishing a record.

Stockholders of the duPont Powder Company received their Christmas dividend checks Saturday. In round figures, \$15,500,000 was paid to them, representing the 26 per cent. dividend on common stock declared November 23.

Through the courtesy of Woodburn Martin, a Georgetown lawyer, a large framed photograph of the Delaware building at the Jamestown Exposition has been presented to the county and now adorns the Court House.

Timmons brothers, Millsboro, caught 180 barrels of white perch from the Indian River, Saturday, and received more than \$700 for their day's work, one barrel selling for \$20, the highest price ever received in Millsboro.

Between Delaware City and the mouth of the Smyrna River thousands of muskrats are being caught daily, some of the trappers taking from 400 to 600 muskrats a week. In addition to the high prices realized for the hides, the meat sells from 12 to 15 cents each.

The \$11,000 spent every year by Delaware for the support of 11 feeble minded children is the argument used by Miss Kite in an address she is making in different parts of Sussex county in favor of a State institution to be built for the 217 feeble-minded children registered.

Saved from deportation by the timely assistance of relatives. Mrs. Filomena L. Calvareso reached New Castle Tuesday night, accompanied by her nephew, and later was apprised of the death of her husband and his burial since she set sail from Italy to join the man who came here about 18 months ago to provide a home for her.

The barge C. R. Bowen, recently purchased by the Delaware Shipbuilding Company from the Hudson Transportation Company has been hauled out on the waves and will be converted into a sea-going freighter, at Seaford. The William Parker, a three-masted schooner, will also undergo repairs to fit her for sea freighting.

President Wilson has appointed Mrs. Katherine E. Brice postmistress at Betterson.

The annual Christmas treat was given to the inmates of the Cecil County Almshouse Thursday.

United States Senator Willard Saulsbury was on Tuesday chosen President pro tem of the U. S. Senate.

The annual Christmas dance Saturday night by the students of the Women's College, Newark, was a success.

James Williams, colored, was fined \$100 and sent to the workhouse for one year for stabbing a woman in Wilmington.

While operating a bread-making machine, Charles Jester, Jr., of Georgetown, lost the thumb from his right hand.

A committee organized a short time ago to help the Layton Home in Wilmington has received a donation of 25 tons of coal.

The balance in the Wilmington Teachers' Retirement Fund, reported for the quarter ending on Thursday, totaled \$44,816.41.

Finding that children were being allowed to remain out of school, County Superintendent Carroll had 11 Milford parents arrested and fined \$25 apiece.

The Wilmington Street and Sewer directors have requested the Wilmington & Philadelphia Traction Company to make exits on all cars uniform and to dim headlights.

Business men and manufacturers of Elkton have petitioned the Government for an appropriation to dredge the channel of the Elk River to a depth of nine feet at mean low water.

The protest of W. T. Nickerson against paying in advance for service of the Diamond State Telephone Company has been dismissed by the Wilmington Public Utility Commission.

Because of the damage caused in South Wilmington by the frequent bursting of dikes along the Christiana River, the Chamber of Commerce has asked the city to compel repairs at all weak places.

Work on the Delaware College new buildings in course of erection has been held up, owing to the storm. The Science building known as Wolf Hall is sufficiently enclosed, however, for interior work to be carried on.

The late Richard Patzowsky, a wealthy leather manufacturer of Wilmington, bequeathed \$2,000 to the Delaware Anti-Tuberculosis Society, \$1,000 each to the Hebrew Charity Association and the Associated Charities of Wilmington.

Employees of the duPont Powder Company, who, as members of the organized militia, were called to the service of the country last June, and who are still in the service, are to have their pay continued by the powder company to March 1. The duPont Company's contribution to their support in the form of wage payments as amounted almost to \$100,000 so far.

Odessa Honor Roll

The following are the names of pupils who have been on the honor roll for the last twenty days: Tenth grade—Anna Dulin, Emily Webb, Dorothy Reynolds. Eighth grade—Mary Craig. Seventh grade—Sarah Sacks. Sixth grade—Anna Sacks, Walter Dulin. Fifth grade—Karl Morris, Lillie Morgan, Sarah McClaine, Helen Muhlbarger, Camillus Shockley. Fourth grade—Eva Shetzler. Third grade—Donal Quigley, William Phillips, Alice Reynolds, Helen Moore. Second grade—Joseph Sacks. First grade—Charles Wiest, Harry Morgan. Primary—Mary Webb, Elizabeth Heller, Elizabeth Phillips, Edna Thornton, Edward Vague.

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SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev Fac, to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Court House, on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware.

ON SATURDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1916, At 10 o'clock A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz: All that certain lot or piece of land, with the three story brick dwelling thereon erected, situate in the city of Wilmington, county and state aforesaid bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a corner stake on the westerly side of Tatnall street, between Second and Third streets at the distance of one hundred and fifty-seven feet six inches from the southerly side of Third street; being a corner of Margaret Boyd's lot, late William H. Bird's; thence thereby westerly and parallel with Third street about ninety-six feet to a line of land of the late Allen McLane; thence by that land southerly twelve feet four inches to a stake, thence by a new line dividing this from the adjoining house and lot of the said Henry Devoy, easterly parallel with the first described line through the middle of the division wall between the two houses about ninety-six feet to the said side of Tatnall street; thence thereby northerly twelve feet four inches to the place of beginning, be the contents thereof what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of John Craig and Edith M. Craig, his wife, and to be sold by HARRY J. STIDHAM, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14, 1916.

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BEGINNING at a point on the westerly or northwesterly side of Rodney street, at the distance of ninety-eight feet, more or less, southerly or southwesterly from the southerly side of Gilpin avenue, and in an extension of a line drawn through the middle of the division wall between the house on this lot and the house adjoining on the north-east; thence westerly or northwesterly, parallel with Gilpin avenue, and passing through the middle of said division wall seventy-six feet, five inches to a point on the easterly side of an alley three feet wide, running parallel with Rodney street into Gilpin avenue; thence southerly or southwesterly by said side of said alley, and parallel with Rodney street, fourteen feet to a corner; thence easterly or southeasterly, parallel with Gilpin avenue, seventy-six feet, five inches to the said side of Rodney street; and thence thereby northerly or northeasterly fourteen feet to the place of beginning. With the free and uninterrupted right, use and privilege of the said alley in common with others entitled thereto, forever; under and subject, nevertheless, to an equitable share of the cost, charges and expense of keeping said alley in repair.

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SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev Fac, to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Store of J. S. and W. Latton, in the village of Townsend, Appoquinimink hundred, New Castle county, Delaware.

ON SATURDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1916, At 10 o'clock A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the village of Townsend, Appoquinimink hundred, New Castle county, State of Delaware, lot No. 68 on plot of survey made by Thomas Latton for Jesse J. Taylor, the metes and bounds of which are as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a stake on the east side of Taylor street, a corner for this of Townsend, Appoquinimink hundred, with said Shockley line north sixty-five and a quarter degrees east; seven and five-ninths perches to a stake in line of lands of Mrs. Mary E. Carter, a corner for this lot and lot of William Shockley; thence with said Carter's line south twenty-six and a half degrees east, eleven and seven-tenths perches to a stake in line of lands of L. A. and K. Co., R. R. Company, a corner for this lot and lands retained by said Jesse J. Taylor; thence with the aforesaid R. R. Company's line south, fifty-seven and a quarter degrees west, three and nine-tenths perches; thence with south two and a quarter degrees west; eleven and one-tenth perches to a stake in said Company's line, and also in curb line of Taylor street; thence therewith north twenty-two and a quarter degrees west, nineteen and one-tenth perches to the place of beginning. Containing within said metes and bounds thirty-two thousand, two hundred and fourteen square feet of land, be the same more or less.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of John P. Deputy and Mary Deputy, his wife, mortgagors, and to be sold by HARRY J. STIDHAM, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14, 1916.

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev Fac, to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the Court House, on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county, Delaware.

ON SATURDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1916, At 10 o'clock A. M.

the following described Real Estate, viz: All those two certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate in the city of Wilmington, aforesaid, bounded and described, as follows, to-wit:

No. 1. BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Eighth street at the distance of ninety-two feet, six inches easterly from the easterly side of Lincoln street; thence northerly parallel with Lincoln street, one hundred and thirteen feet to a stake, thence easterly parallel with Eighth street, thirty-two feet to another stake, thence southerly parallel with Lincoln street one hundred and thirteen feet to the aforesaid side of Eleventh street, and thence thereby westerly thirty-two feet to the place of beginning be the contents what they may.

No. 2. BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Front street at the distance of eighty-five feet easterly from the easterly side of Lincoln street, thence northerly parallel with Lincoln street, one hundred and thirty-seven feet, eight inches to a corner; thence easterly parallel with Front street, sixty-nine feet to another corner, thence southerly parallel with Lincoln street one hundred and thirty-seven feet, eight inches to the aforesaid side of Front street and thence thereby easterly sixty-nine feet to the place of beginning, be the contents what they may.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Hugh Gallagher, surviving mortgagor, and Hugh A. Gallagher, administratrix of Grace F. Gallagher, deceased mortgagor, and to be sold by HARRY J. STIDHAM, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14, 1916.

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Estimates Given. Your Work Solicited

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All Work Guaranteed

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and Boys' too; Everything to Wear:

Ready Clothing
Hats and Caps
Shoes and Rubbers
All Furnishings
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Everything for Holiday Gifts and Regular Wear. All Sizes, Big Stock, Reliable Makes and Moderate Prices.

Winter Specialties

Heavy Sweaters \$1 to \$10
Mackinaws \$4 to \$10
Storm Coats \$19 to \$40
Fur Lined \$40 to \$100
Gloves \$2.50 to \$10

We will save you Money. Time and Trouble when you come here.

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Farms for Sale!

450 acres. This is the "Stites Farm" situated on Bohemia Manor, in a high state of cultivation. Good buildings.

250 acres. This is the "Pennington Farm," situated on Choptank road, a fine producer, and good buildings.

100 acres. This is the "George W. Rhodes Farm," situated on Cedar Lane, fine buildings, elegant soil and a nice home.

121 acres. This is the "William Nelson Farm," located near Delaware City and a nice home.

150 acres. This is the "Shepherd Farm," situated near Warwick, Md., a good producer and well located.

These farms are among the best in this section and should not be over looked, by anyone contemplating buying good farm land.

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Middletown, Del.



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Hamilton Watches
Jewelry
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Everything found in an up-to-date Jewelry Store

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Middletown, Delaware

Shoe Repairing

I have purchased a new electric machine for finishing my work, which enables me to turn out all work in the shortest possible time, and the finish is far superior to hand-finished work.

L. FROMKIN

Kates' old stand, East Main St.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

PUBLIC SALE!

At Clair Bazaar. Every Saturday, 75 to 100 horses of all kinds. Anyone having horses to sell, bring them in and get the cash, need not make any special arrangement. More wagon and harness than any other place in the State. Sale every Saturday.

WM. H. KLAIR,
8th & Tatnall St., Wilmington, Del.

DR. WARREN S. P. COMBS

DENTIST

MIDDLETOWN DEL.
(Office of the late Dr. Stites)



A Bag or Suit Case

Is something everyone, man or woman, is glad to get. The new ones we are showing embody many special features of interest and the qualities are unusually good at the prices we have placed on them, as you will see when you compare them with what you will find elsewhere. Bags \$1.50 to \$5.00. Suit Cases \$1.50 to \$8.00.

Every Style of Gloves

There are many styles and shades for you to choose from—silk lined, unlined or wool lined, in kid, cape, rocha or suede. A fine line of wool and fur gloves. Wool Gloves 25c to 50c. Kid Gloves \$1.00 to \$1.50. Fur Gloves \$1.00 to \$2.50. Gauntlets 25c to \$1.50.

LOT OF BEAUTIFUL NECKTIES

We don't believe you ever saw so many handsome Neckties as you will see here now. It would be well worth your while to see this display even if you did not buy any, but neckties are a happy solution to many Christmas problems. We are showing some beautiful silks in every conceivable shade and color—25c to \$1.00.

GLOBE CLOTHING STORE

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

We furnish Gift Boxes with all the smaller articles such as Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Jewelry, etc., and make no charge at all for them.



A MIDST the holiday spirit, is there not food for profound thought in the closer bonding together of the neighborhoods of the Nation by the all-reaching wires of the Bell Telephone?

May we not look forward to Peace on Earth, enduring and complete, preserved by the greater understanding that comes from speech across the miles, binding together in one great, intimate brotherhood an hundred million people as does or could no other agency of civilization and advancement.

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PRACTICAL GIFTS

SHOULD HEAD YOUR CHRISTMAS LISTS

Men are practical and they like to receive practical gifts. A gift of something to wear will be sure to please "him" because it is of practical use and of lasting benefit. Our very complete stock of winter wearables for Men and Boys offers a splendid chance for you to choose just the gift he would like best to get and you would like best to give him, and the wide range of qualities and prices enables you to suit your own pocketbook as well.

GIVE "HIM" SOMETHING HE CAN WEAR

WHY NOT A SUIT—A Suit of Clothes for Christmas is sure to please. No one could fail to realize beyond a doubt, that this store leads in the presentation of smart styles for men, after having seen our showing of smart suits—\$10 to \$18.

A fine Overcoat makes an excellent gift. Our stock is still ample and you will be able to find here just the Overcoat you want for him at a price you want to pay. We will gladly make exchanges after Christmas if for any reason the garment you buy does not please you—\$3.50 to \$18.50.

Novelties for Xmas

We are showing many little novelties that make fine Christmas Gifts which cannot be mentioned in detail here—you must come and see them.

Gold Cuff Links 25c to \$1.00.
Gold Stick Pins 25c to \$1.00.
Tie Clips 10c to 50c.

Watch Fobs 25c to \$1.50.

And a lot of other novelties and specialties purchased especially for the Holiday trade.

Fine Hosiery

The newest ideas in attractive hosiery are now represented here in the attractive showing that we have assembled especially for the Holiday trade. We box them up attractively too. Per pair 15c to 75c.



CORN IS KING

In the Dakotas it is feared that the drain on the stores of wheat there has been so great that even the supply necessary for seeding has been drawn on.

Never was there such a demand as America is being subjected to-day. Never were the reserve stocks so low. The bins will be scraped clean before there is another harvest of wheat. The price of bread may go to figures beyond the purses of the poor.

In New York not long since one of the great men of the grain world met some men from Holland here to buy wheat.

"Why don't you buy corn?" asked the grain man.

The visitors smiled.

"You are likely to have to consider this matter of corn before the winter is over," the grain man remarked significantly.

He knows.

And why do not Americans consider this matter of corn? Americans scarcely know the virtues of corn. It is time for them to awaken.

The Indian gave to the world three things—potatoes, tobacco and corn. The magnitude of corn is instanced best perhaps by the statement that its yield is greater than that of all other cereals combined.

It is purely American and is one of the greatest of foods, and yet Americans have only a slight appreciation of its virtue as a food.

Corn is cheap, comparatively. Wheat is high, very high. We have much corn. We have little wheat. We have raised three thousand million bushels of corn in one crop. The greatest crop of wheat we ever produced was one thousand million bushels. Of the crop of this year our yield of corn is four and a half times that of wheat.

Dr. Barnard tells us cornmeal at three cents a pound is equal in value to two loaves of wheat bread.

Based on food value, corn in the form of meal or hominy is the cheapest food-stuff obtainable to-day.

The South knows corn. To the North and West it is little known comparatively.

Again Dr. Barnard tells us three cents worth of cornmeal contains as much nutriment as ninety-one cents' worth of eggs at fifty cents a dozen, or fifty-six cents' worth of round steak for which you pay thirty cents a pound.

The high cost of living touches every pocketbook. If you would lighten the strain on your purse study the virtues of corn.

Today the American housewife uses ten pounds of wheat flour to one pound of corn—corn of which we have an ample quantity and wheat of which there is a scarcity that approaches famine.

Cornmeal at three cents a pound is equal in food value to six pounds of potatoes, for which the housekeeper today pays twenty cents.

It is equal to a pound of cheese, for which she pays twenty-five cents, thirty cents or more.

It is equal to six pounds of bananas, eleven pounds of oranges, fourteen pounds of cabbage.

The corn that we cook into corn cakes that we eat as hominy and mush, costs only one-tenth as much as some of our breakfast foods.

Cornmeal and hominy contain twice as much fat as any other cereal except oats, and the world knows the worth of oatmeal.

Think of corn, study corn, talk of corn. The result will be to your benefit and to the benefit of America.

To increase the use of corn is a work of economy and of national good.

To-day, of all times, this is true, for what little export trade we had in corn, which went out principally in the form of lard, has been curtailed to the point of disappearance.

Eat corn bread. Get to know the corn bread of the South. Have a real southerner serve corn bread: to you once and the wheaten loaf no longer will have its present appeal.

Know the corn pone, if opportunity offers. Know hominy. Know the grain of all grains, corn.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 1917.—Public Sale of Stock and farming implements by Frank A. Wilson on the "Edgar Clayton farm" on the road leading from Armstrong's to Clayton Corner. Eugene Racine, Auc.

Monday, January 29th.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements and household goods by William McMullin, Jr. one and three quarter miles west of Port Penn, Del.

Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 1917.—Public Sale of stock and farming implements by Henry L. Neff on the road from Middletown to Townsend. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

Monday, Feb. 12, 1917.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Gilbert Jarrell on the A. P. Corbit Farm, on the road leading from Middletown to Odessa, known as the W. A. Cochran Farm. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

Wednesday, Feb. 21st, 1917.—Public Sale of Stock and farming implements by B. H. Pleasanton on the road leading from Summit Bridge to St. Georges. Eugene Racine, Auc.

Thursday, February 22d, 1917.—Public Sale of Personal Property by Geo. W. Goldsborough, on the Jas. R. Hoffecker Farm, in Middle Neck. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

February 23, 1917.—Public sale of stock and farming implements by Chas. P. Spicer on the "J. K. Williams farm," 2 miles north of Mt. Pleasant, on the road from Summit Bridge to St. Georges. D. P. Hutchison, Auc.

TOWNSEND

Pierre Warthermere, of New York City, is the guest of Dr. J. D. Niles and family.

Mrs. Sallie Denny and Mrs. George M. D. Hart are spending the Christmas holidays in Philadelphia.

Rev. Warren Burr and wife are spending the Christmas holidays with their son and family in Norfolk Va.

Mrs. Winfield Lattomus, Mrs. Jennie Wilson returned home from several days visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Clara Knotts left town Saturday for City Point, Va., to spend the winter with her son George Lloyd Knotts and wife.

Mr. Budd Principal of Dover Academy will preach Sunday, at 10.30 A. M. in M. E. Church. Sunday evening Christmas rehearsals by Sunday School members, extra music and recitations.

Announcement cards have been received in town of the marriage of Miss Mildred E. Wells to Mr. William McKenny, of Wilmington, on Saturday, December the sixteenth in Wilmington. After a tour to Niagara Falls and other points of interest, they will reside in Wilmington.

ODESSA

Mrs. Geo. Rhodes was a visitor to Wilmington last week.

Mrs. Harry Lightcap visited relatives in Wilmington this week.

Miss Mary Aspril visited relatives in Wilmington over Sunday.

Ralph Heller, of Wilmington, visited relatives in town on Monday.

Mrs. Ida Heller, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Heller.

Mr. Joseph Hampson, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mrs. Dorothy Gilch and family.

Charles Bignear and wife, of near Middletown, spent Sunday with Marshall Thornton and family.

Calvin Stidham, who has been with the Delaware troops in Deming, New Mexico, has returned home.

Epworth League on Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Topic, "The First Christmas Circle and Ours." Leader, Miss Viola Smith. Every one is urged to be present at this service.

WARWICK

Mr. L. P. King is visiting in Wilmington.

Miss Eula Vinyard was a Wilmington visitor on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinyard, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mexey Bland, near Middletown.

Master Howard Jordan returned to his home, near Hockessin, on Tuesday, for the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. A. R. Merritt and children returned home on Monday, after a week's visit with Mrs. Urie Ginn.

The Ladies' Aid Society will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, on Thursday evening next.

The Xmas entertainment will be held on Sunday evening in the M. P. Church at 7.30 o'clock. Everybody invited to attend.

The stork left a bouncing girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. King, Jr. on Wednesday. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Odessa Honor Roll

The following are the names of pupils who have been on the honor roll for the last twenty days: Tenth grade—Anna Dulin, Emily Webb, Dorothy Reynolds. Eighth grade—Mary Craig. Seventh grade—Sarah Sacks. Sixth grade—Anna Sacks, Walter Dulin. Fifth grade—Karl Morris, Lillie Morgan, Sarah McClaine, Helen Muhlberger, Camillus Shockley. Fourth grade—Eva Shetzler. Third grade—Donal Quigley, William Phillips, Alice Reynolds, Helen Moore. Second grade—Joseph Sacks. First grade—Charles Wiest, Harry Morgan.

Primary—Mary Webb, Elizabeth Heller, Elizabeth Phillips, Edna Thornton, Elizabeth Magee.

Three Per Cent. On Deposits

Three per cent is the highest interest that will be paid on any accounts after April 1, 1917, according to a resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting of the representatives of 62 Delaware banks at the annual session of the Delaware State Bankers' Association Thursday afternoon. The adoption of the resolution was spontaneously applauded to the assembled representatives of the banking interest of the State of Delaware.

PAID LOCAL ADS.

FOR SALE—Wagons and Dearborns. J. C. GREEN.

Dr. Warren S. P. Combs Dentist. Successor to the late Dr. J. C. Stites.

If you want prime oysters, clams, terrapin or muskrats call at EMMA F. INGRAM'S.

GIRLS WANTED For the Romper and Slip-over factory, \$5 to \$8 a week. W. E. GRAVES, Townsend, Del.

FOR SALE.—Two closed Storm Buggies (cozy cabs), one nearly new, also 1 sleigh and sleigh bells, and 1 Buffalo robe. DR. D. W. LEWIS.

WANTED.—Cash prices paid for apple trees, logs or lumber. Bailey & Castor P. O. box 292 Camden, N. J.

WANTED.—Competent milker to care for herd of Jersey cattle. Married man preferred. F. C. BANCROFT, Wyoming, Del.

WANTED.—Live poultry delivered at my meat market on Mondays and Thursdays of each week. Prefer to have delivery on Monday. Joseph R. Heldmyer.

We are prepared to do your feed grinding any time you bring it in. Cob or shelled corn 6 cents per bag. Will keep a man on the job at all times that you may get it promptly. J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

I have a very nice farm for sale 160 acres, stone road, right by the gate, two miles of Middletown. Come and see me at once, as I will have this farm sold in less than thirty days, price right. JOHN HELDMYER, JR. North Broad St., Middletown, Del.

Notice — Election

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF Middletown, Del., Dec 7, 1916. The annual meeting of the Stockholders for the election of Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 M. EDWARD LADLEY, Cashier.

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Christmas Money

JOIN OUR

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

STARTING NOW

Save a little every week for the next fifty weeks and you will receive a check for the lump sum (with interest) on December 15th, next, just at a time when a little ready money will come in handy.

You will never miss the small deposit weekly, and will be agreeably surprised on December 15th, to see how easily you have saved a nice sum of

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Get your friends to join. Everybody is welcome.

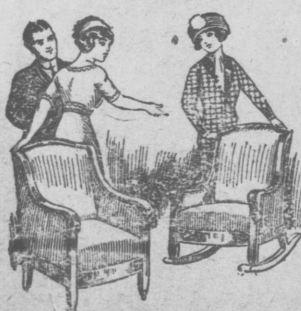
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is guaranteed to stand up with the coming years. It is not to be thrust aside when the journey of life is half over. Our furniture will see you through to the end. All the prevailing woods fashioned in exquisite taste into dainty and substantial works of art. Sets for every room and individual pieces as well. Spring Matting, Rugs, Linoleum.

W. J. WILSON Middletown, Del.

To All Our Patrons and Friends

We wish you a Right Merrie Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!

FOGEL & BURSTAN

Our Xmas Trade, thanks to our fine, big stocks and the generous patronage of appreciative customers, has realized our fondest expectations, but we are still able in each department of our Store to satisfy every want of our customers, not only in Holiday Goods of every kind, but also in Winter Clothing and Shoes for Men and Children, and in our unequaled Millinery Display—the best in town—where Ladies can find Suits, Coats, Hats, etc., all in the very latest styles and of the best materials.

"Christmas is coming!" is the thought of the Children in every home. It is, in fact only 1 day off, and every father and mother, every brother and sister should be getting ready for it, not only to buy the Toys and other Gifts for the little ones, but all the other things they need as Presents for the older members of their family, their friends, etc.

Fogel & Burstan have given this Christmas more space than ever to our fine "Toy and Useful Gift Display," and the tables, booths, counters and shelves loaded with Toys and all sorts of beautiful articles suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, make a brilliant feature of our Store. Everyone, Children especially should pay us a visit. We welcome all either to buy or to see.



Air Rifles.....	25c to \$100	Drums.....	10c to 50c	Rattles.....	5c to 25c
Air Ships.....	25c to 50c	Dishes for Dolly.....	10c to \$2.50	Rocking Chairs.....	50c to \$1.50
Automobiles.....	25c to \$5.00	Express Wagons.....	50c to \$3.00	Rubber Balls.....	5c to 25c
Accordions.....	10c to 50c	Elephants (toys).....	10c to 25c	Rocking horses.....	50c to \$1.50
Animals, all kinds.....	5c to 25c	Fancy Beds for Dolly.....	10c to 50c	Rubber Boots and Rubbers.....	25c to \$5.00
Baby Trunks.....	25c to \$1.00	Furniture for Dolly.....	25c to 50c	Registers, Toy.....	50c to \$1.50
Baby Blankets.....	50c to \$2.00	Gloves of all kinds.....	10c to \$1.00	Saques (Knitted).....	25c to 50c
Bags (Hand).....	25c to \$3.50	Guns.....	25c to \$1.00	Sleds, all kinds.....	50c to \$2.50
Boats.....	10c to 50c	Girls' Dresses and Coats.....	50c to \$12.00	Steamboat.....	10c to 50c
Boys' Caps.....	15c to 50c	Girls' Hats and Gloves.....	25c to \$3.50	Stoves.....	10c to \$1.00
Boys' Suits and Overcoats.....	\$2.00 to \$8.00	Horses and Wagons.....	10c to 50c	Stuffed animals.....	5c to 25c
Boys' Raincoats.....	\$2.50 to \$6.00	Humpty Dumpty.....	50c to \$1.50	Swan in Pond.....	50c to \$1.00
Boys' Sweaters.....	50c to \$3.50	Horns and Trumpets.....	5c to 25c	Sweaters.....	50c to \$6.00
Boys' Gloves and Hosiery.....	10c to 50c	Iron Toys.....	10c to 25c	Slate Blackboards.....	25c to 75c
Bell himes.....	10c to 25c	Irish Mail.....	\$2.00 to \$3.50	Stockings, all colors.....	10c to \$1.50
Blocks, all kinds.....	5c to 50c	Japanese Toys.....		Sulkys.....	75c to \$2.00
Banks.....	5c to \$1.50	Knife and Fork Sets.....	10c to 75c	See-Saws.....	10c to 50c
Books for Girls and Boys.....	5c to \$1.50	Magic Lanterns.....	\$1.00 to \$1.50	Sail boats.....	10c to 50c
Books for Grownups.....	25c to \$1.00	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Toy Furniture.....	10c to 50c
Comb and Brush Sets.....	50c to \$3.50	Mechanical Trains.....	10c to \$2.00	Tree Ornaments.....	1c to 10c
Children's Toques.....	25c to 50c	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Tin kitchen dishes.....	10c to 75c
China Dishes.....	10c to \$2.50	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Tool chest.....	25c to \$1.50
Christmas Stockings.....	5c to 10c	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Tenpins.....	25c to 75c
Children's Sewing Boxes.....	5c to 10c	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Toy Registers.....	50c to \$1.50
Candles, all kinds.....	25c to 50c	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Toy trunks.....	25c to \$1.00
Christmas Boxes, all sizes.....	10c to 25c	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Underwear.....	25c to \$1.00
Cameras.....	\$1.25 to \$12.00	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Umbrellas.....	50c to \$5.00
Dolls of every kind.....	5c to \$12.00	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Velocipedes.....	\$1.50 to \$3.00
Doll's Go Carts.....	25c to \$2.50	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Watches.....	10c to \$5.00
Doll Swings.....	10c to 25c	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Wash sets.....	25c to 50c
Doll Houses.....	25c to \$1.00	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Wool sheep.....	5c to 25c
Dolls.....	5c to 25c	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Writing paper in Boxes.....	10c to 50c
Dressed Dolls.....	10c to \$1.50	Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Whips.....	5c to 50c
		Mechanical Toys.....	10c to \$1.75	Wagons, all kinds.....	10c to \$3.50

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Monday, January 1

One-Day Excursion

SPECIAL TRAIN Round-Trip Fare

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Middletown	5:44 A. M.	\$1.90
Mt. Pleasant	6:14 "	\$1.55
Kirkwood	6:24 "	\$1.45
New Castle	6:54 "	\$1.00

40 Costumed New Years Clubs in fantastic array. A Festal display rivaled only by the famed Mardi Gras of New Orleans.

Leaves Broad St. Station 6 20 P. M.

Pennsylvania R.R.

Estate of Carolina Clontonia Browne Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Carolina Clontonia Browne, late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto Martin B. Burris on the eighteenth day of December A. D. 1916, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payment to the Executor without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said Executor on or before the eighteenth day of December A. D. 1917, or abide by the law in this behalf.

Address
Martin B. Burris
Middletown
Delaware

Martin B. Burris
Executor

FOR SALE—Dirt Cheap

Two Sypher incubators, one holding 86 dozen eggs, one 4 dozen, both nearly new; a fine china closet, glass front, etc.; one iron sink, 28 by 18 inches, 7 inch deep. Particulars at

NOTICE—ELECTION!
NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF ODESSA, DEL., Dec. 13th, 1916. The annual meeting of the Stockholders for the election of Eleven Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on Wednesday, January 3d, 1917, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 1 P. M.

Jos. G. Brown, Cashier.

NOTICE—ELECTION
THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK OF MIDDLETOWN.
Middletown, Del., Dec. 13th, 1916. The Annual Election for ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on Saturday, January 13th, 1917, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

ROBERT DOUGLAS, Cashier.

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